THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) to (c) This Ministry had not organised any seminars last year for this purpose.

*[English]*

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2411. SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN :
SHRI BADAL CHOUDHURY :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any proposal for converting the Assam-Agartala National Highway (NH-44) into double lane;

(b) if so, what the steps taken to implement the proposal;

(c) the steps taken to extend this National Highway (NH-44) from Agartala to Sabroom;

(d) whether it is fact that the State Government has agreed to arrange necessary lands for this purpose; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) Improvement of Agartala - Sabroom Road to National Highway standards would be taken up in stages in the Ninth five - year plan.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The details of the Land Acquisition would be known after the survery.

**Ancient Relics**

2412. SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether invaluable paintings, ancient relics and other historic objects including items from the Indus Valley Civilisation are being damaged at the 183 years old Indian Museum;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial measures to be taken to restore these paintings, ancient relics and histroric objects there?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) No, Sir. Besides, the Museum is already extending highest priority for appropriate protection, conservation and preservation of the museum holdings.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

*[Translation]*

**Supply of Medicines on Higher Rate**

2413. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA :
SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a racket supplying fake medicines and also supplying medicines on higher rates to the hospitals in U.P. and Delhi has been busted;

(b) if so, whether any persons have been arrested in this connection;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action being taken by the Government against those persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected from the State Governments and will be laid on the table of the House.

*[English]*

**Promotion of Group 'D' Employees of KVs**

2414. SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any provision for internal promotion of Group 'D' employees of Kendriya Vidyalayas to the post of Lower Division Clerk;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of Group 'D' employees who have since been promoted during the last three years till date, Kendriya Vidyalaya-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There is a provision for filling up of 10% vacancy of Lower Division Cleark (created/made available after 12.1.1992) through promotion of the Group 'D' employees working in Kendriya Vidyalayas.

(c) Promotion of Group 'D' employees is not done Vidyalaya-wise but on regional basis. During the last 3 years, 21 Group 'D' employees working in Kendriya Vidyalayas have been promoted to the post of Lower Division Clerk.